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In re the patent application of Gawler

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Title: Accounting for Postal Charges

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REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

Sir:

We have received the office action of April 9, 2003. The examiner has not checked any of the boxes (items 13, 13a on the Office Action Summary) indicating that the Paris Convention priority claiming requirements have been satisfied.

However, the declaration filed with this application on February 11, 2000 recited a claim of priority to GB 9903301.1, filed 13 February 1999, and we filed a priority document on May 30, 2000. The official filing receipt acknowledges the priority claim.

The first paragraph on page 2 of the office action would seem to be appropriate only if there were a claim to a prior U.S. application, which is not the case here.

Please review the priority situation and clarify whether applicant need do anything further to obtain the Paris Convention priority benefit.

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